AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A system, and method ~~and processor readable medium~~ for determining a user affinity for a category. The system calculates an affinity score based on a record of actions performed on the document by a user and a categorization of the document. This affinity score is computed by a weighted sum of factors associated with the document. The affinity score is normalized and a population threshold is applied. A predetermined percentage of the population of users associated with the document is determined and those users are said to have an affinity for at least one category assigned to the document. The system may also decay an affinity score if a user has not performed at least one action on the document. If the user performs an action on the document, however, the affinity may be reset. A user, system administrator or other user may also be enabled to decline an affinity for a category.

Please amend the first paragraph beginning on page 1 of the specification, under the heading "**RELATED APPLICATIONS**," as follows:

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/347,283 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 23452-500-301)~~, titled "Knowledge Server," filed January 14, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference. This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/401,581, filed September 22, 1999, which is also hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the last paragraph that begins on page 7 of the specification as follows:

A method for determining a user affinity is shown in Fig.2. The user affinity may be determined by calculating an affinity score, step 202. The score may be based at least in part on meta data for a document. The meta data may include an author field, response to field, links field, editor's field, and reading field. The author field may identify the author of the document, the editor's field may identify any user that may have edited the document. The response to field may identify whether the document is in response to another document. The links field may identify whether the document ~~link~~ links to another document. Thus, for example, if a particular user is listed in the author, editor, and reading field, a higher affinity score may be calculated. The affinity score may also be based on actions performed on the document by the user. According to one embodiment of the invention, an affinity ~~infinity~~ score may be calculated by assigning a value to the meta data of the document. For example,

a value may be assigned to each of the author, response to, links, editor's, and reading fields. Each of the field may be multiplied by the value associated with that field and then each product for all of the meta data may be added together to compute the affinity score. For example, a formula for calculating an affinity score may be: